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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0171

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yoshisumi MANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3629
Serial No.: 10/001,766) Examiner: Dennis William Ruhl
Filed: October 31, 2001) Confirmation No.: 4322
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, METHOD, AND)
SYSTEM, CONTENT SALES)
SYSTEM AND METHOD,)
TRANSACTION ASSISTING SYSTEM)
AND METHOD, SERVICE)
PROVIDING SYSTEM AND METHOD,)
AND RECORDING MEDIUM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

In a Office Action dated October 11, 2006, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 from among the following species:

Species A, claims 1, 2-5, 6-9;

Species B, claims 10-12, 14; and

Species C, claim 13.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species A, claims 1, 2-5, 6-9.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 13, 2006

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